

OTTAWA WILL SEND 62 MEN WHEN CONSCRIPTION STARTS IN U. S. A.

FIGURES SHOW LA SALLE
COUNTY'S SHARE TO
BE ABOUT 450

WORK STARTS SOON

STATE MUST SEND 31,000 TO COL-
ORS IN AGE LIMIT OF 21 TO 27
IN FIRST CALL FOR 500,000
FIGHTING MEN.

Illinois will be called upon to fur-
nish about 31,000 men, this congres-
sional district, the 12th, will be 1,150
men and La Salle County's share will
be about 450 for the first call of 500,
000 men under the terms of the con-
scription law passed Saturday evening
by Congress. Ottawa's apportionment
under the draft will be about 62 men
over and above those joining
Company C. In addition to the 31,000
asked for in the conscription provi-
sion, this state will be asked to fur-
nish about 124,000 more national
guardsmen, bringing the war unit for
Illinois up to 43,000.

It is estimated that the first draft
if including those between 21 and 27
years old will call about one out of
every fourteen eligible men to colors
and if the under house provision of
21 to 45 years about one out of 32.

It is proposed to have the conscrip-
tion machinery in action by Sept. 1.
In the meantime a military census
will be taken, boards appointed and
all preliminaries to the calling of men
completed. Further calls for men will
result in additional apportionments to
states under the same conditions.

In the operation of conscription,
draft committees will eliminate all
those within the age limits who fall
under the provisions of exemption.
These include those with dependents
and those who are working in indus-
tries vital to the war. There will be
no physical examination before the
draft.

Use Jury Wheel System.

The jury wheel system will be used
to draw conscripted men from the list
of eligibles. The state election ma-
chinery will be used on a national reg-
istration day when eligible residents
will be registered.

Between now and September 1 the
energies of the war department will
be directed to training officers to drill
the army of 500,000 which will be raised
under the new law.

INSURANCE CO.'S TAKE HAND IN TRAILING CHICAGO FIRE BUGS

Chicago, Ill., May 1—Insurance com-
panies today took steps to protect eleva-
tors, food warehouses and flour
mills in Chicago from destruction by
incendiaries following a \$125,000 fire
which yesterday consumed 75,000 bushels
of grain at the L. C. Buck Malting
Company's elevator.

The investigation undertaken with
the approval of the Federal authori-
ties is based upon information in the
hands of the insurance men concern-
ing attempts by aliens to destroy
quantities of food supplies.

FORMER RESIDENT IS BURIED IN CHICAGO

Word was received in Ottawa today
announcing the death of Mrs. Sarah J.
Herzog, age 48 years, former resident
of this city. Mrs. Herzog died Sunday
morning at her home on 4227 Cottage
Grove avenue, Chicago, following a
short illness. She was stricken with
paralysis and since that time declined
rapidly in health.

She leaves surviving her husband,
L. P. Herzog, of Chicago, and one
brother, Moses Degen, of this city.
The funeral services were held this
morning at 11 o'clock in Chicago,
where burial was made.

VON HOLLWEG WILL RENEW PEACE OFFER

London, May 1—Dr. von Bethmann-
Hollweg, the German Chancellor will
renew Germany's peace overtures in
a speech in the Reichstag on Thurs-
day, says a dispatch from the Hague
today. The dispatch gives the Tage-
blatt of Berlin as its authority.

For some time it has been practi-
cally certain that the German chan-
celor would again address a peace offer
to the Allies. It was expressed when
the present session of the Reichstag
opened on April 24.

Luck may be a good master, but as a
master his pay days are uncertain.

REPORTS OF YEAR'S BUSINESS SHOWN BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

CITY OFFICIALS MAKE SURVEY
OF WORK DONE DURING 1916
1917—FINANCIAL CONDITION
GOOD SAYS CAMPBELL.

That the past year was a successful
one as far as getting results in admin-
istrative affairs is concerned, is shown
in the annual reports of the Mayor
and Commissioners of Ottawa, in
which the work of the fiscal twelve
months is carefully reviewed by the
heads of departments.

The report of Commissioner Charles
Campbell covers a comparative review
of the city's financial department from
the inception of the commission form
down to the present. In the year just
ending the indebtedness was reduced
\$16,722.23, while the outstanding obliga-
tions now are only \$52,046.

Mayor Bradford in his statement re-
counts all that occurred during 1916-
1917 in the way of advancing the city,
both physically and financially and
also from a sanitary standpoint. The
community he says was never better
off and that next year ought to see
many more improvements wrought to
make Ottawa even a better place to
live in than it is right now. He calls
upon the commissioners in his report
to produce the greatest good to the
greatest number and to carefully con-
serve the city's finances.

Commissioners Reports.

The reports of August Helfrich,
commissioner of streets and improve-
ments shows in detail what was done
with \$9,482.09 of the \$9,500 appropri-
ated for his department. The money
was largely used in grading and im-
proving streets in the unimproved
districts.

Commissioner Palmer's is a compre-
hensive report covering all the depart-
ments—police, fire, health and plum-
bing inspector—under his direction.
The police department cost the city
\$7,372.54 in salaries. Fines amounting
to \$763.46 were collected and tags for
dogs brought \$170. There were 558
arrests during the year. It cost the
\$4,123.56 for his regular firemen and
\$1,384.25 for Undine Hose Company. In
actual time the firemen were engaged
in fighting fires for sixty hours and
fifty minutes. One hundred and twenty
calls were responded to. Dr. Pike's
report showed during the year ten
cases of scarlet fever, thirty-seven of
measles, four of diphtheria, thirty of
chicken pox, one of typhoid and eleven
cases of infantile paralysis. Plumbing
inspector Wilson reported having
made 3,410 inspections and collected
\$1,112. The Public Health Nurse
reported having made 2,163 visits.

Commissioner of Public Property
Meagher showed the water works sys-
tem to be on a fine financial basis. The
department earned a net profit during
the twelve months of \$16,536.36, while
2,761 feet of mains had been laid to
make the revenue even greater. \$12-
000 in bonds and interest were paid off.
The receipts from the water depart-
ment were \$36,892.94 as against only
\$20,356.58 in disbursements.

Principal interest center about the
report of Commissioner Campbell
showing the financial status of the
city. Mr. Campbell's report in full,
follows.

**REPORT OF CHARLES W. CAMP-
BELL, COMMISSIONER OF AC-
COUNTS AND FINANCE.**

To His Honor, the Mayor, and City
Council:

I take pleasure in submitting my
annual report to this council and the
citizens of Ottawa, for the year 1916-
1917.

This department is in charge of the
work covered by the City Clerk,
Treasurer and City Collector, and has
general supervision of the collection
of taxes, rentals, and all other moneys
that are due, or that may become due
to the city.

The following is a summarized finan-
cial statement showing the indebted-
ness of the city when commission
form was adopted, and results attain-
ed since that time:

May 1, 1911 since

| | Owing | Paid | Owing |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| May 1, 1911 | 1901 | May 1, 1917 | 1917 |
| Water bonds | \$30,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| City bonds | 60,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 30,000.00 |
| Brdg bonds | 23,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 17,000.00 |
| Special as- sessment bonds | 55,237.19 | 55,237.19 | 0.00 |
| Brdg bonds | 3,818.52 | 3,819.54 | 0.00 |
| Brdg bonds | 4,353.45 | 4,353.45 | 0.00 |
| Overdraft in bank | 10,018.55 | 10,018.55 | 0.00 |
| Wetland | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 |

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200 DELEGATES TO ATTEND CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

SESSION WILL OPEN HERE FRI-
DAY EVENING—INTERESTING
PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANG-
ED.

Two hundred members of the Chris-
tian Endeavor Society from fourteen
counties in this state will come to Ot-
tawa Friday to attend the annual con-
vention of the Peoria and Northwest-
ern District of the Christian Endeavor
Union. The counties represented in
the district are Whiteside, Lee, Rock
Island, Mercer, Henry, Bureau, La
Salle, Knox, Stark, Marshall, Peoria,
Woodford, Tazewell and Macon.

Delegates will begin arriving in this
city Friday, the convention proper will
not open until Friday evening. O. J.
Sommer, of Pekin, is president of the
Peoria district and Katherine Ker-
neen, of Glava, is president of the
Northwestern district.

The following is the program that
has been arranged for the meeting
here.

Friday Evening.

Mr. Oscar J. Sommer, President
Peoria District Union, Presiding.
7:30 Song Service—Mr. John Hoff,
Presiding.

Devotionals—Rev. Isaac Divan.
7:50 Address of Welcome—Rev. J.
F. Vonckx.

5:00 Response—Miss Katherine Ker-
neen, President of Northwestern Dis-
trict.

Response—Mr. Oscar J. Sommer,
President of Peoria District.
8:15 Address—Christ in South
America—Mr. James F. Garwin.

Special Music—Convention Chorus.
Address—Mr. E. P. Gates, Field
Secretary.

Appointment of Committees.
Social Hour.

Saturday Morning.

Miss Katherine Kerneen, President
Northwestern District, Presiding.
8:30 Quiet Hour—Rev. J. R. Stead,
Counselor for Northwestern District.

9:15 Address—Mr. E. P. Gates.
9:45 Junior Conference—Mrs. Wm.
V. Martin, State Junior Superintendent.

9:45 Intermediate Conference—Mr.
Frank Lowe, Intermediate Specialist.
9:45 Young People's Problems—Mr.
E. P. Gates, The One Who Knows.

10:15 Address—Mission Work in
South America—Mr. James F. Garwin.
11:00 Business and County Meet-
ings.

Saturday Afternoon.

1:20 Start to Starved Rock.
2:30 Open Air "Sing" on the Rock.
Address—Rev. J. R. Stead.

Tour of the Park—Mr. Hull, Official
Guide.

6:30 Picnic Supper—All Delegates
to the guests of the Ottawa Young
People.

Saturday Evening.

Rev. A. T. Stephens, Counselor from
Peoria District Presiding.
7:30 Song Service—Mr. Clarence
Hoff, Directing.

Devotionals—Rev. A. T. Stephens.
Awards and Recognitions—Mr. E.
P. Gates, Field Secretary.

8:00 Address—Mr. Frank Lowe, Jr.
National Field Secretary Y. P. S. C. of
the Disciples of Christ.

Special Music—Convention Chorus.
Address—The Endeavor Investing
"His Life"—Rev. Carl Stackman, For-
mer President of Massachusetts C. E.
Union.

Benediction.

Sunday Morning.

6:30 Morning Watch—Mr. Frank
Lowe, Jr. Leader Music by Peoria
City Union Quartet. Regular Church
Services and Bible School.

Sunday Afternoon.
Miss Leslie Tomlinson, Convention
Chairman, Presiding.

2:30 Song Service and Devotionals
—Mr. Wm. V. Martin.

Special Music.
2:45 Address—"Good, Our Partner"
—Mr. Fred C. Thomas, State Superin-
tendent, Tenth Legion.

Music—Peoria City Union Quartet.
Final Business.

3:00 Address—"America's Greatest
Problem"—Rev. A. T. Stephens, Peoria
District Counselor.

Benediction.

Christian Endeavor Hour.

6:30 Northwestern District—Topic
"Love"—1 Cor. 13:1-13. Mr. Fred C.
Thomas, Leader.

Methodist Church.

6:30 Peoria District—Topic, "Love"
—1 Cor. 13:1-13. Mr. E. P. Gates,
Leader.

Music—Peoria City Union Quartet.
Presbyterian Church.

6:30 Intermediate—Topic, "Love"
—1 Cor. 13:1-13—Mr. Frank Lowe, Jr.,
Leader.

Congregational Church.

Sunday Evening.

Mr. Oscar J. Sommer, President Pe-

ROTARIANS EXPECT BANNER MEETING

FRANK P. MANLY AND ATTOR-
NEY O'CONNOR WILL ADDRESS
GATHERING—ARRANGE FOR ONE
HUNDRED GUEST.

The closing session of the Ottawa
Rotary Club at the Clifton Hotel
promises to be one of the most im-
portant gatherings since the club was
organized in this city. Frank P. Man-
ly, governor of the Eighth district, in-
cluding the states of Illinois and In-
diana will be here for the gathering.
The reception and dinner will be held
at 6:30 o'clock. Attorney Andrew O'
Connor will be on the program. Music
will be furnished by the high school
orchestra and Miss Vera Ham, popular
high school soloist, will sing.

Expect Many Guest.

Since Mr. Manly has been invited
to the meeting an invitation has been
extended to the Rotary Clubs in north-
ern Illinois to attend the session. The
local committee, W. F. Carr, S. E.
Bradford, and I. D. Vincent, have
worked unceasingly to make this
meeting a banner one and are expect-
ing the attendance of over one hun-
dred Rotarians.

TO ASK SOLONS TO CHANGE NAME OF DETENTION HOME

Stronger and stronger is the senti-
ment for the change in name of the La
Salle County Detention Home to the
"Larkin Home" as a mark of respect
and indication of appreciation for the
work of the late jurist who devoted so
much of his time and energy in secur-
ing this home. Perhaps to Judge Lar-
din more than any other individual in
the county is due the construction of
this fine institution and in his passing
it is only proper that his name should
be perpetuated through the naming of
the institution.

The executive board of La Salle
County Child Welfare League, met in
Ottawa Saturday afternoon and for-
mally passed resolutions to be present-
ed to the board of supervisors at their
next session asking for a change in
the name of the detention home. The
executive committee of this league ex-
pressed the general sentiment of the
county and embodied in a set of resolu-
tions. A committee was also named
to present the resolution to the solons.
The annual meeting of the Child's
Welfare League will be held in May
and it is probably the membership of
the entire league will go on record for
the change.

By naming this institution the "Lar-
din Home," La Salle county can thus
give this small tribute to the jurist
who stood so highly in the esteem of
his fellow men.

G. A. GENT HERE TO INSPECT AUTO PLANT

G. A. Gent of the Ghent Motor Co.,
arrived in Ottawa today and is mak-
ing a careful inspection of the local
plant. He is well pleased with the
progress that has already been made
under the direction of Superintendent
Moore. The encouraging reports of
salesmen under the direction of
Shands & Funnell is of such a charac-
ter to warrant the heavy purchase of
material and supplies at the present
time.

The company could take on war con-
tracts at the present time to take the
entire production and capacity of their
plant if they desired to enter into it.

The most encouraging reports con-
cerning the stock sale comes from
Oklahoma, where stock is being sold
in blocks of from one to five thousand
shares.

WAS STRUCK BY CAR; 3 RIBS FRACTURED

Andrew Meyers of Utica an employe
of the Higby Canyon Sand Co., locat-
ed between Ottawa and Utica, had
three ribs broken and his back injur-
ed when struck by a moving sand car
Sunday. He was removed to St.
Mary's hospital for treatment.

This morning he was reported as
getting along very nicely but it will
be some time before he will be able
to leave St. Mary's Hospital.

oria District, Presiding.

7:30 Service of Song—Mr. John Hoff,
Directing.

Devotionals—Rev. Carl Stackman.
Installation Service—Mr. Wm. V.
Martin, Past President Illinois C. E.
Union.

8:00 Address—Mr. E. P. Gates, Field
Secretary, Illinois C. E. Union.

Special Music—Convention Chorus.
Closing Address and Decision Ser-
vice—"On the Firing Line."

Mr. Frank Lowe, Jr., National Field
Secretary, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Dis-
ciples of Christ.

Benediction.

Adjournment.

OTTAWA CADETS IN A CLASS AT CULVER; THIRD IN NUMBERS

O. H. S. BOYS BESTED ONLY BY
CHICAGO AND DETROIT—START
GRIND THAT WILL MAKE REAL
SOLDIERS OF 'EM.

Culver, Ind., May 1—Ottawa High
School stepped up into the A class
when the formation of the Military
Training camp of Culver Academy was
completed. Ottawa stands third in
the number of boys quartered here,
being led only by Chicago and Det-
roit. A total of thirty-nine Ottawa
cadets make up almost a complete
company. They are known as Com-
pany H.

There are about 700 youths repre-
senting a score of states quartered for
encampment. Monday they could
hardly wait to start their grind, and
at night all were perfectly willing
"to take to the hay" after a movie
show at the large armory. Besides
spending the day on the field the
boys were given a course of lectures
that will help materially in their de-
velopment as soldiers.

Captain Edgar Steever, who is in
charge of the camp, was delighted at
the results of the first day's work.
When the youngsters fell in for first
drill many of them—Ottawa's own ex-
pected—were raw recruits. By super-
time they were drilling with soldier-
like snap and precision.

The camp has been called Camp
Barry in honor of Gen. Thomas H.
Barry, commander of the central dis-
trict of the United States army. Fol-
lowing was the order of the day:

5:50 a. m.—Reveille.
6:00—Assembly.
6:25—Sick call.

6:35—Police inspection.
6:50—Breakfast.
7:50 to 8:50—Infantry drill.

9:20 to 10:20—Military courtesies
(saluting and conduct.)
10:50 to 11:50—Infantry drill.

12:10—Dinner.
1:30 to 2:30—Nomenclature and
care of rifle.

2:55 to 4:15—Infantry drill.
6:10—Supper.
7:30 to 9:00—Company confer-
ences.

9:30—Taps.
Meals are extremely popular periods
of the day. The students lined up at
the entrances to five big mess tents
and are served as they pass thru the
door. For dinner they had tomato
soup, roast beef, brown and baked po-
tatoes, peas, bread and butter, and
apple pie.

Capt. Steever has a tent at the end
of one of the Chicago company streets,
and his meals are taken in the mess
tents of the campers. After the meal
are over the boys wash their own dishes
in large tubs of water which have been
installed for the camp.

Illinois students make up an entire
battalion of the regiment. There are
almost as many Illinois boys as the
total of the other states.

The Illinois towns which are repre-
sented are Beardstown, Blue Island,
Chicago Heights, Wilmette, Crete,
East Dubuque, Freeport, Geneva, Hina-
dale, Kankakee, Kewanee, Joliet,
Kimmunity, La Salle, Nomenclature,
Monmouth, Mount Sterling, Oregon,
Princeton, Rochelle, Rockford, Rush-
ville, Waukegan, Weldon, Wheaton
and Yorkville.

Tribune Praises Kingman.

The La Salle Tribune, whose news
editor George Hasselman, accompan-
ied the soldiers on their drive toward
Culver, says of Prof. C. H. Kingman
in its yesterday's issue:

The La Salle-Peru boys, in the
khaki uniforms the Polish Falcons so
generously loaned them at the elev-
enth hour, were the center of inter-
est among the passengers on the train.
Their numbers were augmented by
some 38 at Ottawa—the well drilled,
finely clad cadets of the Ottawa school.
The county seaters, commanded by
Major Follett, were given a rousing
send-off by a hundred or more of their
friends.

And right here let it be said that
to Ottawa should go a great measure
of the credit for the T. H. S. boys'
success. It was Supt. C. H. Kingman,
who arranged the conference that got
the permission to go; it was Ottawa
that supplied the guns for the tri-
city boys, and it has been Supt. King-
man who has been "putting them next
ever since. If the T. H. S. cheer
leader does not ask for three hurrahs
for Kingman the next time the two
schools clash in athletics, we are go-
ing to ask that he be court martialed.

Major Follett and his aids were
soon mingling with the T. H. S.
bunch, assigning them guns and do-
ing little things to ease their path.

Quails, part of the food of the chil-
dren of Israel when in the wilderness,
are still numerous in Egypt and during
their yearly migrations descend in
swarms.

CONSCRIPTION BILL IN SENATE FOR FINAL ACTION ON AGE LIMIT

RACE GAME MAY BE REVIVED; LOCAL MAN IS INTERESTED

ASK ONLY THAT HE BE GIVEN
SUPPORT OF PUBLIC—STREATOR
OR GIVES VIEW ON RACE GAME
HERE.

Just when they were ready to play
the funeral dirge for the racing game
in the Illinois Valley, an Ottawa man
comes forth with the promise that he
is willing to finance the great turf
game but he asked that for the time
being his name be withheld.

The interested party is willing to
lease the park, at the price demanded
by the directors of the La Salle Coun-
ty Fair and will put on a racing card
that will be as good as any that was
ever offered in this city.

At the last session of the Driving
Park Association, that organization
decided they would not lease the park
for the time being, but would refrain
from entering the game this year.
Since the association announced they
would out there has been a persistent
demand that some one take up the
sport and that Ottawa be kept on the
racing map.

The Chamber of Commerce an-
nounced that they would take an in-
terest in the meeting provided any one
would start the work and have pledge
their hearty co-operation in every re-
spect.

Ottawa has been too long known as
a town of real boosters to let the rac-
ing game die and this one Ottawa man
is willing to offer a program to the
racing loving public, provided he is
shown a little co-operation. He offers
to lease the track himself and arrange
other details but asks that he be given
some degree of consideration from
people, heretofore interested in the
racing game.

The following is a clipping from the
Streator Independent-Times regarding
the racing situation as viewed by the
sport scribe in that city:

With a possibility yet that Ottawa
will have harness races this year, the
executive committee of the Streator
Trotting and Fair association, at a
meeting Saturday afternoon arrived at
a decision to have a race meet this
year if nothing unexpected intervenes
in the meantime to prevent the meet.

If the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce
can negotiate to patch the breach now
existing between Ottawa Driving Park
association and the La Salle County
Fair association over the rental of the
race track at the county seat, Ottawa
will have the "ponies" again this
year.

Even if Ottawa does not have races,
Streator will have a program if the
plans of the local promoters material-
ize. Believing that Streator and vicin-
ity is a great race horse community,
the executive committee favored a
meet for Streator regardless of other
towns in the valley.

As there may be a ruling later that
there can be no race meets on account
of the war, the local association may
be deprived of their meet this year. If
the war does not prevent it, Streator
will have races again this year, the
event being held a week previous to
the races at Peoria.

ERNEST POOL TO BE OFFICER IN RESERVE

Ottawa gives promise in furnishing
one of the best officers in the reserve
corps of the country, in Ernest Pool,
son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pool, of
State street. Mr. Pool is a graduate of
the University of Illinois law school,
also of the military school and is a
major of a battalion of the Illinois
University.

Mr. Pool is at his home today, but
on Thursday he will go to Chicago to
a law examination for admittance to
the bar and early next week will re-
port to Fort Sheridan for training in
the officers' corps.

Young Pool is regarded as one of
the best student military officers in
the state and at a recent drill given
at the University of Illinois he was
presented with a medal, his battalion
winning the first prize of the five in
the regiment.